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1. (S/NF) SUMMARY. CORRUPTION IS ENDEMIC TO PERU,  
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BUT NARCOTICS CORRUPTION IN THE COCA PRODUCING AREAS  
IS RAMPANT. ITS EFFECTS FURTHER UP THE FOOD CHAIN  
ARE BELIEVED SIGNIFICANT, BUT OF A LOWER MAGNITUDE.  
IN THE HUALLAGA VALLEY THE POLICE ARE DEEPLY  
CORRUPTED. WHILE THERE IS ORGANIZED POLICE  
COOPERATION WITH THE TRAFFICKERS, POLICE ARE MORE  
WIDELY KNOWN AS "FREE LANCERS" WHO PAY TO GET  
TRANSFERRED TO THE UHV AND THEN EXTORT LOCAL COCA  
GROWERS AND TRAFFICKERS FOR PERSONAL GAIN. A RECENT B1  
[REDACTED] REPORT STATES THAT NARCOTICS  
CORRUPTION AFFECTS THE ARMY AT ALL LEVELS IN THE  
HUALLAGA. ARMY CORRUPTION IS MORE ORGANIZED. UNIT

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COMMANDERS OFFER PROTECTION TO AIRPORTS AND SAFE PASSAGE TO TRAFFICKERS. IN SOME CASES THE PROFITS FROM NARCOTICS SKIMMING ARE USED TO FEED THE TROOPS. THERE IS LESS EVIDENCE AVAILABLE ON POLICE AND MILITARY NARCOTICS CORRUPTION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, BUT IT ALMOST CERTAINLY EXISTS.

2. (S) THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM IN THE HUALLAGA IS ENTIRELY OWNED BY THE TRAFFICKERS. ONLY ONE IMPORTANT NARCOTICS FIGURE HAS BEEN CONVICTED IN PERU IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS; NONE OUTSIDE OF LIMA. IN LIMA THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO WELL-DOCUMENTED CASES OF CORRUPTION DURING TRIALS OF IMPORTANT PERUVIAN DRUG FIGURES. NARCOTICS INFLUENCE IN LIMA COURTS IS RARER BECAUSE MOST TRIALS ARE OF MINOR DRUG OFFENDERS. IN THESE CASES, 46 PERCENT OF THOSE CHARGED ARE CONVICTED. A SENIOR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE FIGURE AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE GOVERNMENT PARTY BELIEVE THAT NARCOTICS CORRUPTION IS A SERIOUS - BUT

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CONTAINABLE - PROBLEM AMONG THE PERUVIAN POLITICAL ELITE. ONE CONGRESSMEN HAS CHARGED WITH TRAFFICKING IN 1990.

3. (S) WE BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT FUJIMORI IS A SINCERE ANTI-DRUG CRUSADER. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF DRUG INFLUENCE OVER THE PRESIDENT. HIS SENIOR ADVISOR ON NATIONAL SECURITY MATTERS IS, HOWEVER, LINKED TO PAST NARCOTICS CORRUPTION. WITH THE FOCUS OF PERUVIAN DRUG BUSINESS STILL IN THE JUNGLE, NARCOTICS INFLUENCE IN LIMA IS YET NASCENT. FOR THAT REASON THERE REMAIN MANY HONEST, INFLUENTIAL MEN AND WOMEN READY TO JOIN THE U.S. IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL NARCOTICS. END SUMMARY.

4. (C) IN THE OLYMPICS OF INSTITUTIONAL CORRUPTION, PERU IS A WORLD CLASS PERFORMER. AS ELSEWHERE IN LATIN AMERICA, PERUVIAN CORRUPTION FALLS INTO TWO BROAD CATEGORIES: PAYING A PERSON TO DO HIS JOB AND PAYING A PERSON NOT TO. BOTH TYPES OF CORRUPTION ARE PERVASIVE HERE. NARCOTICS CORRUPTION, AS WE DEFINE IT, FALLS ENTIRELY INTO THE SECOND CATEGORY. THIS REPORT PAINTS IN BROAD STROKES A PICTURE OF NARCOTICS CORRUPTION. OUR CONCLUSIONS ARE BASED ON PREVIOUSLY REPORTED CASES [REDACTED] WHERE HELPFUL, WE

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HAVE ADDED MORE RECENT EXAPES TO ILLUSTRATE OUR  
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6. (C) POLICE AND MILITARY SALARIES ARE ABYSMAL. A

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POLICE SERGEANT CURRENTLY TAKES HOME ABOUT USD 55 A  
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MONTH. AN ARMY PRIVATE IS PAID A SUBSISTENCE STIPEND  
OF USD SEVEN A MONTH. IN LIMA GASOLINE COSTS TWO  
DOLLARS A GALLON AND HAMBURGER NEARLY THREE DOLLARS A  
POUND. THE USD 350 TRANSFER FEE INTO THE AREA OF  
GREATEST TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN PERU REPRESENTS A HALF  
YEAR'S SALARY. TO SOME POLICE THE INVESTMENT AND  
RISK OF DEATH ARE WORTH THE CHANCE OF MAKING THE KIND  
OF MONEY OF WHICH THEY HAVE HERETOFORE ONLY DREAMED.

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8. (C) UNLIKE THE MILITARY IT IS MUCH MORE COMMON  
FOR POLICE TO "FREE LANCE." THE REPUTATION OF THE  
POLICE IN THE HUALLAGA AS SHAKEDOWN ARTISTS IS  
WIDESPREAD. [REDACTED]

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11. (S) POLICE CORRUPTION IS WIDESPREAD NATIONWIDE, BUT THERE IS LESS FIRM EVIDENCE OF PERVASIVE NARCOTICS CORRUPTION OUTSIDE OF THE HUALLAGA. THIS IS PROBABLY DUE TO THE FACT THAT MOST OF THE DRUG FLOW DOES NOT PASS THROUGH LIMA. THERE ARE IMPORTANT LIMA NARCOTICS MINI-CARTELS, BUT OTHER THAN PERU'S COCA LEAF AND PASTE INDUSTRY, DRUGS IN PERU REMAIN

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LARGELY A FOREIGN ENTERPRISE. FOR THIS REASON

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ALLEGATIONS OF NARCOTICS CORRUPTION AMONG SENIOR

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LIMA-BASED POLICE OFFICIALS ARE NOT WELL-DOCUMENTED.

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12. (C) EVEN THOUGH THE EVIDENCE IS LESS CLEAR, SENIOR POLICE OFFICIALS WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE HUALLAGA OR WHO ENJOY COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY OVER UNITS THERE MAY WELL PROFIT FROM THE UPWARD FLOW OF NARCOTICS GRAFT. FOR THAT REASON THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAS PARTICULARLY ATTEMPTED TO REDUCE POLICE CORRUPTION. ACCORDING TO MINISTRY OF INTERIOR FILES, 1,500 POLICE OFFICERS WERE DISCHARGED FOR "UNETHICAL CONDUCT" IN 1990. THE MOI REPORTED THAT 400 HAVE BEEN FIRED THIS YEAR. SHORTLY AFTER ASSUMING OFFICE ON JULY 28, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI ORDERED A SWEEPING PURGE OF MID- AND SENIOR-LEVEL POLICE RANKS. MANY OF THOSE FIRED WERE SUSPECTED OF NARCOTICS OR OTHER CORRUPTION.

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18. (C) NOT ALL NARCOTICS-RELATED GRAFT GOES  
DIRECTLY INTO THE POCKETS OF SENIOR OFFICERS. THE  
USE OF NARCOTICS REVENUES TO FEED AND CLOTHE THE

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TROOPS IS COMMON. IN OTHER AREAS OF PERU COMMANDERS  
SUPPLEMENT THEIR MISERLY UNIT BUDGETS BY SELLING  
GROUND-UP SEA SHELLS OR DISCARDED ORDINANCE. IN THE  
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HUALLAGA PROFITS FROM NARCOTICS PROTECTION FEED SOME  
SOLDIERS. THE SKIM MAY BE IN THE FORM OF  
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOCAL MERCHANTS WITH NARCOTICS  
INTERESTS OR DIRECT PAYMENT FROM TRAFFICKERS. THIS  
KIND OF CORRUPTION IS TO BE DISTINGUISHED AT LEAST IN  
KIND FROM OFFICERS WHO MAY SHARE THE PROFITS WITH  
THEIR SOLDIERS, BUT NOT TO FACILITATE THE UNIT  
MISSION. NOTWITHSTANDING SUCH CLAIMS OF ALTRUISTIC  
MOTIVATIONS, THE RESULTS OF SUCH A POLICY ARE THE  
SAME; NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES THRIVE UNDER THE  
PROTECTION OF THOSE CHARGED WITH ENFORCING LAW AND  
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20. [REDACTED] RECENT MILITARY  
ACTION AGAINST NARCOTICS CORRUPTION. A CLASSIFIED  
NAVY REPORT DETAILS THE REFUSAL OF MARINE OFFICERS  
NEWLY ASSIGNED TO THE PUCALLPA/AGUAYTIA AREA TO  
COOPERATE WITH LOCAL TRAFFICKERS, REFUSING BRIBES OF  
AS MUCH AS USD 15,000. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT  
OFFICIAL ARMY AND NAVY REPORTS ARE NOW DETAILING  
NARCOTICS CORRUPTION IN THE HUALLAGA, COMPLETE WITH  
NAMES AND AMOUNTS PAID. THIS IS A RECENT

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DEVELOPMENT. IT WOULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED WITHOUT HIGH

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LEVEL IMPETUS. WHILE THERE ARE YET NO CRIMINAL  
CONVICTIONS, THE MERE INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED  
CORRUPTION AND THE REPORTING OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS  
THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS, MARKS A NEW MILITARY  
AWARENESS OF THE DANGER OF NARCOTICS CORRUPTION.  
ACCORDING TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ARMY  
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT, AS MANY AS 17 OFFICERS MAY BE  
CHARGED WITH NARCOTICS CORRUPTION PURSUANT TO  
ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATIONS.

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THE COURTS  
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21. (C) ONCE A SUSPECTED TRAFFICKER IS OFFICIALLY  
ARRESTED, HE CANNOT BE RELEASED WITHOUT AT LEAST THE  
TACIT COOPERATION OF A FISCAL OR A JUDGE. THERE IS  
NO QUESTION THAT STATES' ATTORNEYS AND JUDGES IN THE  
HUALLAGA ARE DEEPLY CORRUPTED BY NARCOTICS. IT IS  
NOT UNEXPECTED THAT WE HAVE NO RECORD OF THE  
CONVICTION OF ANY MID OR HIGH LEVEL TRAFFICKER IN THE  
HUALLAGA. THE CAPTAIN OF THE NAVY SHIP "ETEN" WAS  
THROWN OUT OF THE SERVICE FOR RUNNING COCAINE, BUT  
HAS YET TO BE CONVICTED IN CIVIL COURT A YEAR AFTER  
THE OFFENSE. THE ARMY OFFICERS CHARGED IN THE RAMAL  
DE ASPUZANA INCIDENT WERE LIKEWISE DISCHARGED FROM  
THE ARMY, BUT WERE ACQUITTED IN CIVIL COURT FOR "LACK  
OF PROOF."

22. (C) THERE HAVE BEEN TWO WELL-PUBLICIZED  
NARCOTICS TRIALS IN LIMA OF HIGH-LEVEL NARCOTICS  
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FIGURES (REYNALDO RODRIGUEZ LOPEZ AND PERCILES  
SANCHEZ) IN WHICH THERE WERE CREDIBLE CHARGES THAT  
JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS WERE SUBORNED. SUCH  
ALLEGATIONS OF JUDICIAL NARCOTICS CORRUPTION ARE  
RARE, PRIMARILY BECAUSE IMPORTANT TRAFFICKERS ARE  
RARELY BROUGHT TO TRIAL IN LIMA. ACCORDING TO THE  
LATEST FIGURES AVAILABLE TO US (1987), OF THE MINOR  
NARCOTICS OFFENDERS BROUGHT TO TRIAL IN LIMA, 46  
PERCENT ARE CONVICTED. PRISON AUTHORITIES REPORT  
THAT 80 PERCENT OF THE CONVICTED PRISONERS CURRENTLY  
IN THE WOMEN'S PRISONS ARE SMALL TIME VENDORS OR  
TRAFFICKERS.

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23. (C) THERE IS CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE OF SIGNIFICANT NARCOTICS INFLUENCE IN THE LIMA COURTS, THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, AND THE PRISON SYSTEM. INMATES AT TWO OF LIMA'S PRISONS HAVE TOLD POLOFFS THAT DRUGS ARE WIDELY AVAILABLE, IF NOT FROM PRISON AUTHORITIES, AT LEAST WITH THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND PERMISSION. THOUGH THERE ARE FEW IMPORTANT NARCOTICS CASES IN LIMA COURTS, THE PERUVIAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM IS NOT CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH A NARCOTICS AGENDA ON ANY MEANINGFUL LEVEL. THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM IS SERIOUSLY ANTIQUATED. JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS HAVE NO SECURITY AGAINST RETRIBUTION. JUDGES ARE POORLY PAID AND GENERALLY THE LEAST CAPABLE GRADUATES OF LIMA'S LAW SCHOOLS. BOTH CRIMINAL AND CIVIL JUSTICE HERE FUNCTION ALMOST ENTIRELY ON A SYSTEM OF EXTRA-LEGAL PAYMENTS BY ACCUSERS OR THE ACCUSED. JUSTICE IN PERU IS NEITHER SWIFT NOR SURE, BUT THE COST OF JUSTICE IS WELL KNOWN. IF PERU'S ANTI-NARCOTICS LAWS ARE EVER

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APPLIED TO A MEANINGFUL EXTENT HERE, WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE COURT SYSTEM WOULD GRIND TO A HALT OR COLLAPSE UNDER THE WEIGHT OF THREATS AND BRIBES.

24. PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAS ALSO LAUNCHED AN ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN IN WHAT HE CALLED THE "MINISTRY OF INJUSTICE." UNDER A NEW SUPREME COURT CHIEF THERE HAVE BEEN ARRESTS OF COURT WORKERS ACCUSED OF CORRUPTION. SEVERAL JUDGES HAVE BEEN FIRED. SIGNS HAVE BEEN POSTED THROUGHOUT ALL LIMA COURT BUILDINGS WARNING PATRONS THAT NO FEES SHOULD BE PAID WITHOUT OFFICIAL BILLINGS AND RECEIPTS. ATTORNEYS WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH STATE THAT THERE HAS

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BEEN A MODERATE DROP IN GRAFT DURING THE PAST SIX  
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MONTHS.

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THE POLITICAL ELITE  
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25. [REDACTED] NARCOTICS  
INFLUENCE PERMEATES THE PERUVIAN POLITICAL ELITE. HE  
POINTS TO ON-GOING HIGH RISE CONSTRUCTION IN LIMA'S  
WEALTHIER NEIGHBORHOODS. IN THE MIDST OF THE CURRENT  
DEPRESSION, ARGUES HESSE, THE ONLY MONEY MOVING IS  
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY COMING FROM THE NARCOTICS  
INDUSTRY.

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26. [REDACTED] HE  
BELIEVES THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS IN LIMA AND  
FOREIGN BANK ACCOUNTS, DOLLARS EARNED FROM THE  
NARCOTICS TRADE. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE IDENTIFIED  
CONNECTIONS BETWEEN LIMA BUSINESSMEN AND COCAINE  
BUYERS IN ITALY AND SPAIN. OCCASIONALLY NAMING

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NAMES [REDACTED] ALLEGES THAT LIMA'S MOST POWERFUL LAW FIRMS AND MANY OF LIMA'S WEALTHIEST FAMILIES, INCLUDING THOSE WITH MEMBERS OCCUPYING SEATS IN THE PARLIAMENT, ARE DEPENDENT ON COCA DOLLARS TO MAINTAIN LIQUIDITY. ANDRES REGGIARDO, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY, TOLD POLCOUNS THAT NARCOTICS MONEY EXERCISES INFLUENCE IN ALL PARTIES; "NONE ARE COMPLETELY IMMUNE." REGGIARDO DID NOT YET SEE THIS SPREADING VIRUS AS IRREVERSIBLE.

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27. (S) IN THE PAST THREE YEARS TWO SITTING MEMBERS  
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OF CONGRESS HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY IMPLICATED IN NARCOTICS ACTIVITY. ONE MEMBER WAS EXPELLED FROM HIS PARTY (APRA) AND THE PARLIAMENT. HE HAS BEEN FORMALLY CHARGED BUT IS IN HIDING AND HAS YET TO BE PROSECUTED. THERE ARE OTHER, UNDOCUMENTED RUMORS OF NARCOTICS CORRUPTION AMONG MEMBERS AND THEIR SENIOR STAFFS. IN THE HUALLAGA VALLEY IT IS WIDELY KNOWN THAT THE SENATOR AND DEPUTY REPRESENTING THE AREA (BOTH FREDEMO) ARE OPENLY LINKED TO HUALLAGA TRAFFICKERS. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE FORMER APRA GOVERNMENT, IMPLICATED IN NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES, FOR WHOM THERE IS NO SERIOUS, ON-GOING PERUVIAN INVESTIGATION INTO THEIR PAST OR PRESENT ACTIVITIES.

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28. (C) PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAS DRAWN MORE THAN HIS SHARE OF CRITICISM IN THE NINE MONTHS OF HIS PRESIDENCY. CORRUPTION IN GENERAL AND NARCOTICS CORRUPTION IN PARTICULAR ARE NOT AMONG THE CHARGES LAID AT THE PRESIDENT'S FEET. UNLIKE HIS PREDECESSOR, FUJIMORI HAS THUS FAR AVOIDED ANY IMPLICATION THAT HE OR HIS POLICIES HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY THE POWER OF THE NARCOTICS DOLLAR. TO THE CONTRARY, RECENT DECISIONS ON THE MANIPULATION OF THE EXCHANGE RATE AND THE COST OF ADDITIONAL AIR FORCE DEPLOYMENTS TO THE UHV, ARE DIRECT EVIDENCE THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION RECOGNIZES THAT NARCOTICS  
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TRAFFICKING IS HAVING SERIOUS NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES  
FOR PERU. HIS BROTHER SANTIAGO RUEFULLY TOLD US THAT  
THEY WILL DO WELL TO REDUCE CORRUPTION BY 20 PERCENT  
DURING FUJIMORI'S TERM - SO PERVASIVE IS THE  
PROBLEM. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT FUJIMORI IS A TRUE  
BELIEVER, AN ANTI-CORRUPTION CRUSADER MAKING SLOW  
HEADWAY AGAINST WHAT HE CALLS "THE SCOURGE OF  
CORRUPTION."

29. (C) THE SAME MAY NOT BE TRUE OF SOME OF HIS  
CLOSEST ADVISORS. THOUGH HE IS STILL MORE SHADOW  
THAN SUBSTANCE, VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS IS ALLEGED TO BE  
ONE OF THE PRESIDENT'S CLOSEST ADVISORS ON  
SECURITY-RELATED ISSUES. THIS MEANS THAT MONTESINOS'

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INFLUENCE ON NARCOTICS POLICY IS AT LEAST INDIRECTLY  
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IMPORTANT, SINCE THE PRESIDENT HAS OFTEN FOLLOWED HIS  
ADVISOR'S SUGGESTIONS ON MILITARY AND POLICE  
APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.

30. (S) THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE  
LINKING MONTESINOS TO PAST NARCOTICS ACTIVITY. AMONG  
POLICE /ND MILITARY FIGURES RECOMMENDED TO THE  
PRESIDENT BY MONTESINOS ARE MEN WITH POSSIBLE  
NARCOTICS TIES.

(THE ISSUE OF VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS, HIS ALLEGED  
NARCOTICS TIES, AND THOSE OF SOME OF HIS FRIENDS,  
WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A FOLLOWING REPORT.)

31. PRESIDENT FUJIMORI ROUNDLY CASTIGATED POLICE  
CORRUPTION IN A MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND ONDCP  
DIRECTOR MARTINEZ. HOWEVER, HE BACKED THE ARMY'S  
PROBITY. FUJIMORI PROBABLY ATTEMPTED TO CAST THE  
BEST LIGHT ON A BAD CASE SINCE HE SAW AERIAL  
INTERDICTION, NOT CONTROL OF MUNICIPAL ARIFIELDS, AS  
THE MOST PROMISING AVENUE FOR SHORT TERM RESULTS.  
UNLIKE GRANT, WE THINK FUJIMORI KNOWS THE SCORE, BUT  
MUST LINE UP HIS DUCKS BEFORE CLEANING HOUSE.

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CONCLUSIONS  
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32. (C) PRESIDENT FUJIMORI CORRECTLY STATED IN HIS  
MAY 15 ADDRESS TO THE CONGRESS THAT IT IS NOT TOO  
LATE TO SAVE PERU FROM BECOMING A STATE CONTROLLED BY  
NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS. DRUG LORDS MAY (HAND IN HAND  
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WITH THE TERRORISTS) OWN THE HUALLAGA VALLEY AND MOST  
WHO WORK THERE, BUT THOSE IN THE DRUG BUSINESS HAVE  
NOT TRIED TO PURCHASE LIMA. IT COULD HAPPEN. THE

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POLITICAL SYSTEM HERE IS INSTITUTIONALLY WEAK.  
PERUVIAN SOCIETY IS FRAGILE, BONDED BY FEW OF THOSE  
CULTURAL AND SOCIAL BARRIERS WHICH AT LEAST SLOW THE  
SPREAD OF NARCOTICS CORRUPTION IN OTHER NATIONS.  
DRUGS IS SEEN AS A REAL PROBLEM BY FEW, AND MANY  
STILL DELUDE THEMSELVES INTO BELIEVING THAT COCA LEAF  
IS THE ONLY THING KEEPING THE PERUVIAN ECONOMY AFLOAT.

33. (C) THERE ARE HONEST MEN OF CONSIDERABLE  
INFLUENCE IN SENIOR POSITIONS THROUGHOUT THE  
GOVERNMENT WHO SHARE OUR AGENDA. THERE IS ALSO A  
GROWING GROUP OF MID-LEVEL OFFICERS CONCERNED ABOUT  
THE DETERIORATION OF THEIR POLICE AND MILITARY  
UNITS. ALL THESE SEE THE MID- AND LONG-TERM RISK  
NARCOTICS REPRESENTS TO PERU. KEY TO OUR SUCCESS  
HERE WILL BE THE GOP'S ABILITY TO FERRET OUT AND  
ENLIST THOSE WHO ARE FREE FROM NARCOTICS INFLUENCE.  
AND TO ISOLATE AND MARGINALIZE THOSE WHO ARE NOT.  
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